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Seattle Washington
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Dear Mr. []

I thank you very much for your letter. I was very glad to receive it.

As yet I have not contacted with your friend, Mr. Ivan L. Best as I have been very busy. I am ashamed that I have not but I'll do this as soon as possible. I thank you for your information about Mr. []'s address. At the present time there is nothing I must discuss with him but if there is anything I can do for you or Mr. [], I mean questions which I, perhaps, can answer to, I shall do it with pleasure. I appreciate very much your and Mr. [] tactful attitude and your unwillingness to embarrass me or Mr. Taylor with letting me work for you yet I doubt that in the nearest future I shall be less engaged in my business than I am now. Thus if there is anything I must do it is indifferent whether I do it now or later on. Mr. Offie visited me the evening before I left and asked me to write a paper on "their" (I guess you understand who "they" are) policies in China and a complete history of their relations with that country yet I am afraid this will be extremely difficult because there is no materiel. A historical survey of their relations requires much more materiel than there is in this library or in my poor head. Of course, I shall try to do my best but I am afraid it will not be good.

As to the new development in the Atomic world I do not think that there will be a great change in the relations of certain countries although, as I wrote in my previous letter, probably some concessions will be made to the USSR. Perhaps, a modus vivendi will be reached if the USSR gets free hand in the Balkan countries and solemnly promises not to interfere in the remaining world although it is doubtful that they will keep their promise. They are in a more favorable position than the US are because they can carry out their plans through their agents who always act in the disguise of independent representatives of their own people while US can act only through diplomatic channels and, therefore, every step undertaken by the US is officially American and not Chinese or Austrian etc. At any rate it is extremely difficult to predict anything and the most acceptable attitude is now that expressed by the German saying "let us wait and drink tea". The question is how many teapots will be emptied until we get a clear picture of what is going on.

In the university I have many lectures: 3 times a week Russian syntax for graduate (lectures held in Russian), twice a week (two hours each) Mongol for beginners, twice a week (two hours each) Mongol for advanced (Mr. Krader). Besides, there is some research work. In the university I have a room of my own, the so called office, where I can read and write and keep my books. In the office there is a typewriter I am writing this letter at home where there is a typewriter belonging to Mrs. Wilson, my landlady. She is a nice lady and works at the university office.

I wrote a letter to Major MacLeod and gave him my new address. Perhaps, he will let me know what the home office has ~~done~~.

decided.

The weather is usually good. It is never hot and the winter is mild here, I was told.

Now I am closing. I shall be glad to hear of you again. I also miss our conversations and I should be glad if I saw you again. But as the world is not too big I hope this will be possible sooner or later.

Please transmit my kindest regards to Mr []

Very sincerely yours,

N. Popper.